

From the desk of . . .

C. F. Gordon, Jr.

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Mr. Roger Cohen, Jr.
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Dear Roger:

Its been too long since we have seen or heard from one another. Maybe this letter won't even reach you (copied from your book).1971

As you know I'm a collector of early and late date large cents, but now down to 6 early varieties, must do something else to keep busy, since a heart attack. (Getting along just fine, but not making any shows for several months).

I have a collection of half cents which I will get out of bank when in Orlando. Have one of each date except 1793 and 1796. Even have a pitted low grade 1797 lettered edge. If interest in what I have, will attribute each and let you know.

What do you have for sale, would be interested in going varieties in half cents too?

Heres hoping that you are still collecting and in good health. Best wishes to you,

An old copper buddy,



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Never answered

Dear C.F.

Nice to hear from you. The address is OK however it has been using P.O. Box 41046 Bethesda Md 20814 since the letter carrier seems to change every 2 or 3 months and it was taking until late afternoon to get my business mail.

This Nat generally known but it's called Locke (DOUGLAS HALF) Cents also. It's trying the Sheldon numbers but haven't touched Newcomb yet. Let me guess as to what the 6 early cents you need are. 15, 16, 33, 37, 79, and 217. How'd you come on it? I've done fairly well as my list is as follows 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11a, 11b, 11c, 16, 18a, 27, 37, 50, 52, 53, 79, 80, 96, 119, 121a, 188 and 217. As you can see I've avoided 1793's but this will change my average condition is about 8 so it don't have one of the high powered collectors that one dreams of but never gets. I only have 2 VC's 1802 #1 and 1803 #1. I'd be interested in what you have Nat to buy or trade but just to know.

I'd also like to know which Half Cents you have. You'll find that there like the the large cat in that certain Varieties you seem to just never get. From September 1972 till October 1973 I had all known Varieties when the large edge letters stamping showed

up on 1794 #4 followed by 1794 #3, 5 + 6 which
it still needs but can't afford to buy at the
astronomical price being asked. More will show up
as I learn if it has long enough it may get.

if I have some duplicate Half Cents for sale or
trade. The condition of these isn't great as compared to
the unit that is important. For example an EF coin at
#40 is acceptable to me rather than an UNC 60 ^{at} cost
700. The 10 times Premium for about 2 grains of
copper seems ridiculous. I like to handle my
coins and not worry about poisoning some traces
of Mint Red. I could give more examples but it's
just one of my personal feelings. Right now I'm
preparing a talk about it in your to give in a
month or so to a coin meet. Which the title
"The ridiculous Proposition of Condition" I may get
^{boiled} ~~boiled~~ off the speakers platform but I don't care
as I feel that to many people are snobs when
it comes to collecting. Enough of that for now.

It was good to hear from you and hope
you have recovered from your illness

Sincerely

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